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Central Hills camps go on as planned

By William H. Perkins Jr.
Editor

The powerful tornado that roared across Central Hills Retreat just a few minutes after midnight on New Years Day will not hamper scheduled events and activities at the Mississippi Baptist campground near West, according to camp manager Jim Ray.

"We're actually ahead of schedule for repairing the tornado damage and getting the facilities ready for camping," said Ray. "The volunteer groups who have come to help us have been incredible, and the construction crews that have been brought in are going to put the damaged facilities back in good shape."

Some activity sites will be shifted from damaged areas, Ray said, while other areas will have marked improvements. "We see this as an opportunity to make Central Hills Retreat even better than it was before the tornado," he pointed out.

Directors and consultants from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) who have responsibilities for upcoming events and activities at Central Hills participated in a Feb. 1 prayer walk around the campground and assessed the cleanup and repair efforts.

"There's a plan in place for housing. The pool and the lake are unharmed. The horses are fine and the trails have been cleared. I don't see a problem," said Angie Boydstun, a consultant in the MBCB Sunday School Department who is in charge of two weeks of Bible study/worship camps for children slated for late June.

"We're going full steam ahead," said Ken Hall, a consultant in the MBCB



HIGH VANTAGE — Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) staff survey the amphitheater at Central Hills Retreat near West on Feb. 1 during a prayer walk around the campground, which was heavily damaged by a New Years Day tornado. Cleanup and rebuilding efforts are ahead of schedule, according to camp manager Jim Ray, and all summer events and activities are scheduled to proceed as planned. The amphitheater escaped major damage during the storm. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

Discipleship and Family Ministry Department who is responsible for a pair of student summer camps scheduled for June. "I have full confidence that the camps will be ready to go. Central Hills is going to be better because of what is happening there."

Hall said the demand for last year's single week of student summer camp convinced planners to open up a second week in this year's schedule — the first time in several years that more than one week of student summer camp has been available.

"We're building on the success and momentum from last year. We have a great program this year, and we're designing the theme around the 'new beginning' that's going on at Central Hills right now," Hall said.

Camp manager Ray said he didn't have to do a sales job when the directors and consultants showed up on Feb. 1. "After everyone saw the effort that is being made and heard about the steps being taken to prepare for the camps this summer, they were ready to go forward with their plans."

Barri A. Shirley, MBCB associate executive director for business services, said contractors have been lined up for the campground work that the volunteers are not equipped to handle. All indications are that

Central Hills will be ready for camping this summer, he added.

"We're looking forward to another God-honoring year of camp and conferences at Central Hills Retreat. While the storm created many challenges, it has also provided an equal number of opportunities for the expansion of usable grounds and updated facilities."

"It is through the extraordinary efforts of volunteer teams, partnerships with selected contractors, and the dedication of the camp and MBCB staffs, that Central Hills will stand ready to serve Mississippi Baptists in 2011 and for years to come."

Only a few people were at the campground when the tornado struck. Most of them were inside Carey Lodge, participating in an annual New Years Eve reunion of former Central Hills staffers. The camp opened in 1979.

Located in the deep woods of Attala County between West and Kosciusko, Central Hills has a full-size gymnasium, junior Olympic swimming pool, large lake, horseback riding, canoeing, regulation flag football field, rock climbing wall and ropes course, three heated and cooled lodges that house up to 240 people, a complete dining hall and kitchen, and a recreational vehicle park with 41 hook-ups, kitchen, showers, and assembly hall.

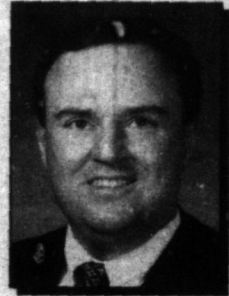
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INSPECTING LODGES — Barri A. Shirley (right), associate executive director for business services at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB), describes repairs and renovations to Carey Lodge at Central Hills Retreat near West, which was raked by a powerful New Years Day tornado. Directors and consultants with responsibilities for events and activities at Central Hills this coming summer heard during the Feb. 1 prayer walk around the campground that all summer events and activities will be conducted as originally scheduled. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)



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The children of St. Michael

A few years ago, Newsweek magazine published a haunting article we should all read again and remember, the subject of which should serve as both a caution and as an object of prayer. It is the story of the children of St. Michael, a tiny Eskimo village in Alaska so remote in the 1960s that no roads connected it to the rest of the world and there was only one telephone for the whole community. Everyone was poor.

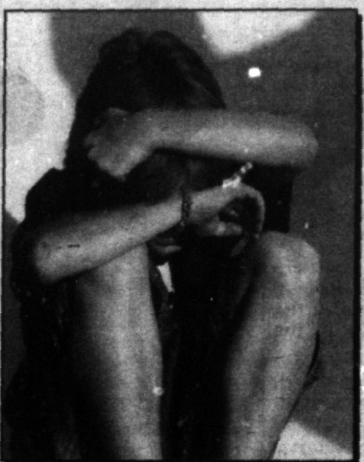
St. Michael was rich in one way, however. Villagers were proud of their children, who whiled away the long days in the colorful berry fields of the frozen tundra or on the ice of the Bering Strait, fishing for the abundant tomcod. In many ways it was an idyllic, if isolated, life.

It was into that setting that the Jesuit order of the Roman Catholic Church sent a number of priests and workers representing the Church, who now stand accused of sexually molesting almost every child in St. Michael over an unbroken string of four decades.

"It is one of the darkest chapters of sexual abuse in the Roman Catholic Church," the Newsweek article states. "More than 110 children in Eskimo villages claim they were molested between 1959 and 1986, raped or assaulted by 12 priests and three church volunteers. Families and victims believe that another 22 people were sexually abused by clergy members but have since killed themselves. The Jesuit Oregon Province, which includes Alaska, has agreed to pay \$50 million in damages. It is believed to be the largest settlement ever against a religious order."

Tom Cheemuk told Newsweek he was one of the victims. Now a 53-year-old alcoholic, Cheemuk has not only attempted to kill himself because of his anger and shame, he has lost two brothers to suicide and wonders if they too were abused. He alleges he was abused by more than one priest at the same time.

Newsweek also discovered from court filings that one priest covered under the Jesuit settlement is accused of fathering four children and encouraging a 16-year-old girl to have an abortion, which she did. Another priest allegedly impregnated a young girl,



then pressured her to blame it on her father and have an abortion. "These priests had abused elsewhere and then were unleashed in the most uncontrolled environment," Patrick Wall told Newsweek. Wall is a former Benedictine monk and Catholic priest who served as a consultant to attorneys in the Alaska suits.

The story of the children of St. Michael should serve as a caution to us, because the same thing could happen to Mississippi Baptists. Don't be shocked, and don't avert your eyes in disbelief. There has been at least one Mississippi Baptist church in a similar (but not identical) situation, and there are probably others.

Think about it. Is there a more "target-rich" environment for pedophiles than our churches? Is there another place where more children gather in greater numbers under the trusting supervision of adults? How well do you know the adults to whom you entrust your church's children? How well do you know them, really?

At your Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, every employee is required to undergo a background check during the hiring process. That's because most convention board employees have contact with children at some time in the course of their jobs. It's not a foolproof process, but it sure beats doing nothing — and nothing is what too many of our churches are doing.

The leaders of every church in the Mississippi Baptist Convention should consult with their attorney to put together a legal system for checking everyone who works with the church's children. The thousands of legitimate children's workers will not be offended by being a part of a system that screens out the few predators who would take advantage of a church's trust.

Not doing so can be devastating. Not many churches have \$50 million to settle lawsuits, but there's an even greater cost.

"You see the alcoholism, the severe mental problems, people in and out of jail," an attorney who has handled many of the Alaska cases told Newsweek, "and you wonder, how do you put Humpty Dumpty back on the wall?"

The fact is you can't. That's why we should be praying for the children of St. Michael, and ensuring that all the children in our Mississippi Baptist churches are as safe as they can be. Start today.

The Super Bowl used to be known for having the most entertaining and creative commercials — emphasis on "used to be." This year was embarrassing.

Lack of creativity by the marketing departments of certain companies manifested itself by a display of inappropriate innuendo and at least one use of obscene language. I don't know if there was more because I started hitting the mute button during every commercial break. I had enough of crude references to parts of the female anatomy.

It used to be that cursing and innuendo was reserved for men at sea or in locker rooms. Now it's pumped through our televisions into our parties with women and children present.

What is especially perplexing is that Fox rejected a John 3:16 advertisement because it would be too controversial. Telling the world that God loves them might offend someone but having a man repeat the phrase, "I want to sleep with her" multiple times is entirely appropriate? The people who are making these decisions for Fox should be ashamed.

Before we get too exercised with the companies producing these commercials and the networks that run them, we need to remind ourselves that American companies give Americans what they want. We are very naive if we believe that these companies

GUEST OPINION:



Super Bowl ads: just embarrassing

By Brett Maragni
Jacksonville, FL

are motivated by a desire to cause our women to blush and our children to be corrupted.

They are motivated to sell. Big money was spent in market research prior to airing their multi-million dollar commercials. They were not taking a calculated risk that mainstream America might react with shock and resolve to boycott their products. They were banking on the truth that most Americans would laugh at their crude humor and continue purchasing their wares.

They did their homework and knew for certain that their PG-13 commercials would be accepted and even embraced. In other words, if Americans were not buying the trash, the companies would not be selling it.

What can you do about it? Well, for one, you can ignore them by hitting the mute button or you could take it a step further and purchase from their competition. That would be an

immediate action that enables you to voice your displeasure with your wallet. Another thing you might consider doing would be writing gracious letters to the offending companies, letting them know how much you would appreciate it if they were more thoughtful about their commercials and about being more family friendly.

This also serves as a reminder to Christians that we need to let the light of Christ permeate in all areas of life. Sometimes we might be guilty of only celebrating how God is using his servants who are in full-time vocational ministry, whether it be a pastor, youth pastor, missionary, or evangelist, but one of the marks of the Protestant Reformation was a sense of calling even in so-called "secular" work.

The cobbler could sense the smile of God upon his latest pair of shoes made for the glory of

God just as the pastor could his sermon. We need to celebrate excellence in every field.

One commercial stood out above the rest, in my opinion. A young boy is dressed up in a Darth Vader outfit from the Star Wars movies and spends his day at home marching around the house attempting to utilize the power of the "Force" upon all sorts of items: a baby doll, his dog, the washing machine, his lunch, all to no avail and to his disappointment. Then Dad comes home from work and pulls into the driveway in his new Volkswagen. Dad goes in the house, and from the kitchen window, starts the car with his keychain car remote control right as his son is attempting to throw the "Force" upon the sedan. The little boy's reaction is priceless.

I have no idea if the creative minds behind the commercial are Christians, but their 60 seconds of art were humorous, sweet, and effectively placed a positive feeling in me toward their product. The more we have Christians generating great work like that, the less trash will be out there.

Instead of condemning the darkness, we can produce so much light that the darkness is dispelled.

Maragni is senior pastor of Harvest Bible Chapel of Jacksonville, FL. His commentary appears courtesy of Baptist Press.

Super Bowl MVP Rodgers: God comes first

ARLINGTON, Texas (BP and local reports) — NFL experts and newspaper headline writers have been quick to label Green Bay starting quarterback Aaron Rodgers, named last Sunday evening as the most valuable player of Super Bowl XLV, as the "Leader of the Pack."

Leading the Packers to their first Super Bowl title in more than a decade will do that — but Rodgers made it clear during Media Day before the big game that he only wants to be a leader of God's pack when it comes to influencing others to see his faith in Jesus Christ.

"We all have a platform; we all have a message in our lives," Rodgers told Baptist Press and a worldwide media turnout, which ringed his individual interview area. "I just try to follow Jesus' example, leading by example."

A native of Chico, Ca., Rodgers was offered only one college football scholarship from a school in the Midwest, but chose instead to play at a community college near his home. After one season at the community college, he was signed to a scholarship by the University of California.

During his six years with the Packers, his career has seen enough twists and turns, dead ends, and detours to test anyone's faith. An expected top 10 NFL draft choice, he wasn't chosen until the end of the first round for reasons he never understood.

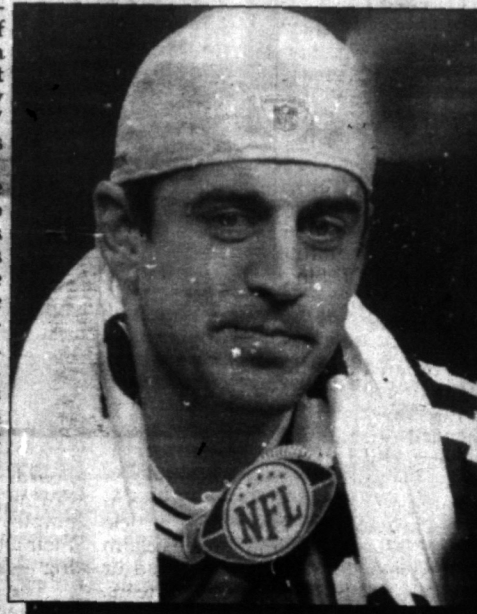
He stood on the sidelines for three seasons while Packers quarterback Brett Favre, a native

Mississippian and graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, went through his yearly "will-he-or-won't-he" retirement routine as Packers QB.

Finally given a chance to start three years ago when the Packers released Favre, Rodgers matured into one of the top quarterbacks in the league without forgetting his past, present, and future in Christ. "God always has a plan for us, a path. Sometimes we wish we knew it sooner," Rodgers said with a bit of a laugh, "but He always shows up His way."

He credits his parents, Ed and Darla Rodgers, who still live in Northern California where he was raised, for showing him a loving and Christ-centered household. He also remains close to his two longtime accountability partners, Pastors Andrew Burchett of the Neighborhood Church in Chico, Ca., where he grew up, and Young Life Christian youth group leader Matt Hock.

Even in the midst of the craziness of Super Bowl week and Media Day at Cowboys Stadium, Rodgers had already checked in with his accountability team. "They won't be here Sunday, but they've been calling and texting me," he said. "Matt sent me a photo of



Rodgers

his entire Young Life group decked out in Packers gear."

Rodgers' quiet and humble testimony has been enough to inspire Christian NFL fans everywhere and his own teammates as well.

Rookie defensive end C.J. Wilson, whose father is a Pentecostal minister in Mt. Olive, N.C., said he really didn't know what to expect when he showed up for his first NFL season this year — but when he saw the experience of his star quarterback and his witness, Wilson felt encouraged about his own faith.

"I think it does help when your superstar quarterback is walking with God. I've been blessed to be around him and see how God makes all things possible in our lives," Wilson said. Packers wide receiver Greg Jennings is one of Rodgers' receivers and teammates on the field but more importantly, a spiritual brother on and off the field. He said he was determined to let last Sunday's game against the Pittsburgh Steelers be his platform for God.

"I just want to let people know what it's all about. One of

the Scriptures I refer to a lot is, 'to whom much is given, much is required,' and I'm required to have a voice [for God] because I have a stage and a platform," Jennings said. "Number one, all glory goes to God. That's where it starts and that's where it finishes."

His father, Greg Sr., is the pastor of Progressive Deliverance Ministries in Kalamazoo, Mi.

Packers defensive tackle Ryan Pickett has been inspired to join an anti-pornography campaign in the NFL this year to help rid the destructive influence among his friends and teammates. He said he had to turn down the invitations of his teammates this week and other times who wanted him to go places he knew was not right.

"I value my family and my wife. I try to stay away from that," Pickett said.

Green Bay kicker Mason Crosby doesn't have to be reminded about the number of Super Bowl games which have come down to a final touchdown or field goal, including the last Super Bowl held in Texas when the New England Patriots won Super Bowl XXXVIII on a last-second kick in Houston on Feb. 1, 2004.

He said his faith in Christ won't allow him to be defined by a single kick. "I think He helps me knowing that kicking is what I do, not who I am. It's not everything that I am. I can escape knowing that my relationship with Christ is what carries me."

Crosby has also noticed his quarterback's faith and his example to his teammates and the sports world. "Aaron has a great relationship with the Lord," Crosby said. "He's the face of the franchise and it helps to see he's living the message all of the time."

"I'm always reading in the Proverbs and Psalms to relax my mind before we play," Crosby added. "I know that God cares for me all the time regardless of any outcome here."

Looking back

10 years ago

Mississippi College president Howell W. Todd announces Feb. 5 that he will retire after seven years at the school to spend more time with family and get involved in volunteer projects.

20 years ago

"General Manuel Noriega surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ and confessed Him as Lord and Savior on May 15, 1990," says Frank Pollard, during a sermon at First Church, Jackson. He was relaying reports from a warden and chaplain at the Miami institution where Noriega is imprisoned.

30 years ago

Two small work groups of key Baptist leaders endorse the use of birth control measures and planned parenthood during an annual workshop sponsored by the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission.



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Simply share the following prayer with God in your own words:

1. Lord, I admit that I need you. (I have sinned.)

2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)

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4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

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PRAYER POINTS — ANSWERED PRAYER

Does God answer prayer? The answer to that question is yes. He absolutely does. From a biblical perspective, He promised that He does. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matt.7:7-8). All of its great possibility and power is open to us. From a practical standpoint, the answer is still yes, for whether in the Bible or in everyday life many of us have experienced the wonder of God's prayer answering goodness. He does answer prayer.

Obviously, He does not always answer our prayers in the way that we want Him to. As the children of God, we are still children and we tend to want Him to answer yes. That may work with children sometimes and maybe many times as they make requests of their parents. Certainly, moms and dads answer, "Yes," from time to time, but there are times that they absolutely know better. They know that what the child is asking for would not be good for the child or maybe for anyone else. Parents have a way of being slightly more mature than children are and for sure, our Heavenly Father knows beyond our limited understanding and far beyond our finite view. So He does not always answer, "Yes, my child." In some cases, it is, "No!"

We generally do not like that answer. As time passes, many a testimony could be given reflecting on the blessings



Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

Prayer Points

ings of not receiving what we have asked. The Father may have said no to a relationship that seemed to be so important to us or a job that we may have wanted. Maybe we were calling for help and He recognized that we needed to grow or stretch. Maybe it was something frivolous or even something so complicated and complex that if He sat down with pen and paper and tried to diagram and explain it to us, we would still be bewildered. So as disappointing as it may be, our Father may do a wonderful thing for us by simply saying, "No, my child."

Then there are those times when the answer is neither yes nor no and He answers in a different way. The Scriptures says, "Now to him who is able to do abundantly exceeding more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work in us" (Eph. 3:20). There is no question that as the children of God we are

willing at times to settle for far less than the grand things that He has in store for us. Our vision may be small, our faith tiny, and our hopes almost non-existent. God has good things for His children and even better than we can imagine.

While He does answer prayer sometimes yes, sometimes no, and sometimes in a different way, at times His answer is, "later." Living in a world of instant gratification and demanding that "I want my way and I want it when I want it," it is hard for us to imagine and even more difficult for us to deal with waiting for His answer to come later. God knows what He is doing and His timing is always right.

When the children of Israel were in bondage in Egypt, they cried out to God. Generation after generation, their pleas went up to God. While it seemed as

though God did not hear and His answer was not forthcoming immediately, His answer was in process. His leader was being developed and His answer was, "later." As you pray, you can follow the Model Prayer of our Lord, "Thy kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Broaden your understanding of prayer and trust Him when He says, "Yes, no, I have a different plan, or later." He hears His children. He will hear you, and He knows how to answer in a way that ultimately will honor Him and bless you.

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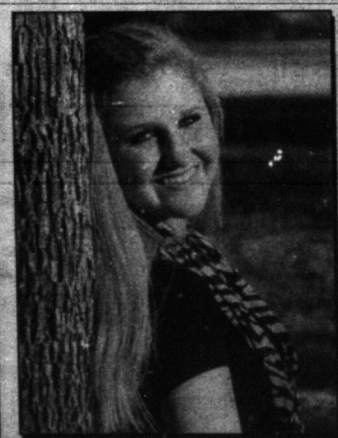
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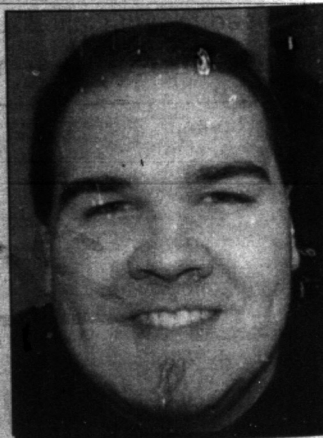
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COLLEGE NEWS

1. Pineville, Louisiana native Ashley Cockerham won the Miss Mississippi College pageant Jan. 27. A communications major with a concentration in public relations, Cockerham is the daughter of Ronnie and Barbara Cockerham.
2. Joshua Wilson, a junior social science major from Brookhaven, was recently named editor-in-chief of William Carey University's student newspaper, The Cobbler. A 2010 graduate of Copley-Lincoln Community College, Wilson served as editor of student newspaper, The Wolf Tales, from 2008-2009. He currently serves as the secretary of the Copley-Lincoln Community College Wesley Foundation Executive Board.



1. Cockerham



1. Wilson

What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the

HOUSE TOPS.

Matthew 10:27 NAS

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June 6-10	Missions Camp for Girls
June 13-17	Missions Camp for Girls
June 20-24	Missions Camp for Girls
June 27-July 1	Missions Camp for Girls/Students
July 4-8	Missions Camp for Girls/Students
July 11-15	Missions Camp for Girls
July 18-22	Missions Camp for Girls
July 25-29	Missions Camp for Girls

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2011 FamilyFest

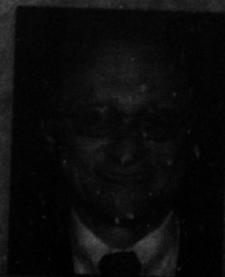
Wed., July 20, 2011 – Sun., July 24, 2011

FamilyFEST is a hands-on missions project designed for families with children 6 years and older (any volunteers are welcome - you don't have to be a family to participate). Volunteers will participate in a variety of ministry projects. This event is cosponsored by the Mid-Delta Baptist Association, Men's Ministry (MBCB), and Mississippi WMU (MBCB).



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Woodward

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Clinton

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Thursday, February 10

- Lexington - 9 a.m.
- Belzoni - 11 a.m.
- Greenville - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 22

- Kosciusko - 9 a.m.
- Ackerman - 11 a.m.
- Macon - 2 p.m.
- Louisville - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23

- Brookhaven - 10 a.m.
- Hazlehurst - noon

Prayer request focus for participants at rallies and for yourself.

1. SELF

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me..." Psalm 66:18

2. SERVANTS

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

3. SOULS

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word..." John 17:20

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Matthew 23:37



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FBC, Sumrall**
Call Archie, 601-736-2254
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FBC, Vancleave**
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**March 29
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Parents: Matt & Shea
Last Frontier

Miss Taylor Inmon - 4/11/02
Parents: Tony & Denita
American Peoples

Mr. Mason N. - 4/17/91
Parents: J & J
Restricted

**Miss Mary Katelyn Simpson
4/20/00**
Parents: Adam & Kristen
European Peoples

Miss Sarah N. - 4/21/94
Parents: J & J
Restricted

**Miss Kimberly Carlton
4/24/90**
Parents: David & Pamela
Sub-Saharan African Peoples

**Miss Elisabeth Savannah
Johnson - 4/25/07**
Parents: Lew & Brandi
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4/27/01**
Parents: Matt & Shea
Last Frontier

Mr. Cale Little - 4/28/91
Parents: Bob & Amy
Sub-Saharan African Peoples

**Mr. Christopher Carlton
4/29/93**
Parents: David & Pamela
Sub-Saharan African Peoples

The Johnsons were in transition
during November.
**Miss Abigail Johnson
11/26/09**
Parents: Lew & Brandi
Sub-Saharan African Peoples

Workers urge preparation now for Egypt aftermath

CAIRO (BP) — Louder than a storm siren is the alarm the Middle East is sounding to Christians in the West.

"There's serious urgency here," said Nik Ripken (name changed for security reasons), who has served 25 years with the International Mission Board and is an expert on the persecuted church in Muslim contexts.

Around the world, people are watching and waiting to see if governments will fall in North Africa and the Middle East — and if they do topple, into whose hands they will fall. "Are we prepared to face even greater persecution for the sake of the Gospel?" Ripken asked, "or what if greater freedom does come? What if there is access to the Gospel unprecedented in this part of the world?"

However the political storm plays out, it's imperative that believers stand at the ready in practical ways, Ripken said, because the result might not be in the form of a white knight riding in with a wagonload of New Testaments.

There is an extremely naive thing folks are thinking, that if the governments fall, everything will automatically go our way and be wide open, but that's highly unlikely," said Greg Turner (name changed for security reasons), a Christian leader in the region.

Turner, who did work in former Soviet countries after the fall of the Iron Curtain, said he doubts the current unrest will follow that same trail to religious freedom. "We are talking about radically different cultural backgrounds — radically, radically different," he said.

"In the former Soviet Union, for most of the Iron Curtain countries, their background was some form of historic Christianity. Plus what had happened there was complete suppression of religion."

In the Middle East, the deep-

rooted historical context is Islam, a religion most already claim, he said.

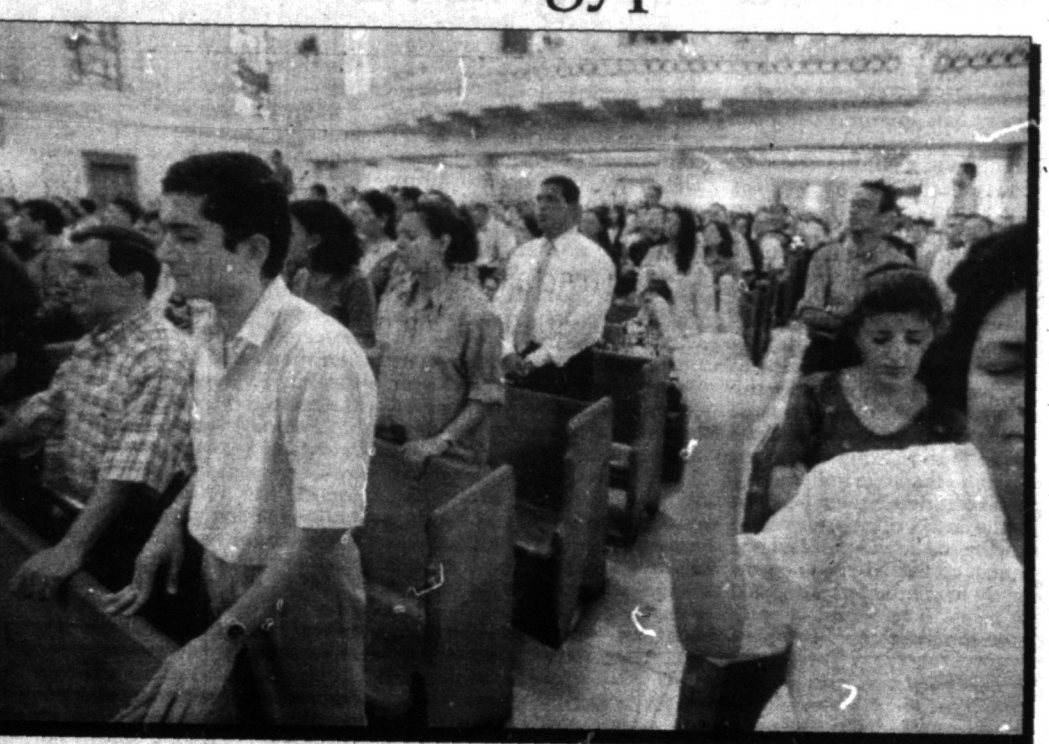
Ripken agrees the two situations aren't parallel. "The USSR did have a head — a head — while Islam is a Medusa with multiple heads," he said. "I want us to think about what is out there to replace these governments, and there are not a lot of options."

It's true, Turner said. People in the region don't have a heritage of or cultural mindset for civil rights or democracy, so that's not a natural assumption or desire for them. Instead, the unrest could mean military coups or elections that result in takeover by the Muslim Brotherhood, one of the world's oldest and largest Islamist political groups. What then?

The message of a more Islamic government could be that the population has strayed from true Islam, Ripken said. "We can prepare for harder physical persecution of [new] believers and more discrimination for historical Christians and expulsion of Western workers," he said. "There will be martyrs. Satan will try to scare us."

In Iran, for instance, the government was overthrown but the nation ended up with even greater restrictions, but a tighter government also can foster greater openness in the hearts of people, Turner said. "The result has been disillusionment on the part of people with their own heritage, and that has resulted in significant [Christian] growth," Ripken said.

With that in mind, Christians have to plan immediately for the long term, Ripken said, learning the language and culture



MOVING FORWARD — Christians worship at Egypt's largest evangelical church in Cairo, in this file photo taken before the current protests and violence in Cairo and other cities. Long a minority isolated from Muslims by culture, tradition, and fear, Egyptian Christians are showing increasing boldness in spreading the Gospel. "You see lots of initiative springing up at the grass-roots level for prayer, for church planting and discipling," says a worker. (BP photo courtesy of International Mission Board)

intensively, and training believers who can work in secular and business-related positions. As that happens, they need to work among dispersed members of that people group in other countries, as well as use the Internet to share on a broader scale.

"We need to be always looking toward the day when the doors will begin to open... and when they open, we need to sow deeply," Ripken said.

What if those doors open wide as a result of the current unrest? "If God opens the doors so that we can send hundreds to the Islamic world rather than single digits, will we step up and sell all that we

have for the sake of the Kingdom of God?" he asked.

Christians need to work as if the doors will close in three years or less, he said, and should "ring the bell loud in our churches for this period of unprecedented opportunity and call for hundreds to go and millions to be spent on their support."

"Be urgent in the task. From day one get the Gospel into local hands," Ripken said.

"Meet the felt needs of these people for the basics of life — education, food, clean water. Share the Gospel and all that Jesus did and does to show them we love them as He loves them."

Beware the danger of drive-by ministry, he said. Avoid short-term work and trips that "seemingly make these places and people trophies," and don't boast about their country's fall or misfortune. Churches must commit to a series of mission trips that continue their initial efforts.

No matter what happens, do sow broadly — and with love, Ripken pointed out.

"This is not about democracy or totalitarianism. It is not about religion. It is about how God wants His children to live in a right relationship with Him and how that affects... how we treat our neighbors," Ripken said.

Children's Ministry Day 2011



Neighbor-to-Neighbor

For more info, contact tanderson@mbcb.org or 601-292-3323

The 2011 CMD theme is "Neighbor to Neighbor." On February 19, 2011, children all over the USA and some countries will be involved in hands-on projects that impact their communities with the love of Christ. National WMU has created a Children's Ministry Day 2011 Pack (8446250-1186-3 or W117106 for \$11.99) to assist you in your planning. The pack includes a planning guide with project ideas and learning activities and promotional posters.

We highly recommend this pack!

HOUSE TOPS



Holmes County
February 10, 2011
9 AM

Holmes County Courthouse
200 Court Sq
Lexington 39095

Humphreys County
February 10, 2011
11 AM

Humphreys County Courthouse
102 Castleman St
Belzoni 39038

Washington County
February 10, 2011
2 PM

Greenville City Hall
340 Main St
Greenville 38701

Attala County
February 22, 2011
9 AM

Attala County Courthouse
230 W. Washington St
Kosciusko 39090

Choctaw County
February 22, 2011
11 AM

Choctaw County Courthouse
22 E. Quinn St
Ackerman 39735

Noxubee County
February 22, 2011
2 PM

Noxubee County Courthouse
505 S. Jefferson St
Macon 39341

Winston County
February 22, 2011
4 PM

First Baptist Church
205 South Church St
Louisville 39339

Lincoln County
February 23, 2011
10 AM

Lincoln County Courthouse
300 South 2nd St
Brookhaven 39601

Copiah County
February 23, 2011
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Copiah County Courthouse
100 Caldwell Dr
Courthouse Dr
Hazlehurst 39083

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February 28, 2011
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Booneville 38829

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Iuka Mineral Springs Park
East Pike Street
(Hwy 172 East)
Iuka 38852

Tebow ad recognized as best television commercial

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP and local reports) — The National Religious Broadcasters has announced it will present its award for Best Television Commercial to Focus on the Family for last year's Super Bowl pro-life advertisement featuring Tim Tebow and his mother Pam.

The ad, it turns out, helped save at least one life. "It created a national dialogue about the true definition of choice as it pertains to the issue of abortion," the group said. The award will be presented in late February.

The Bama Group estimated that more than five million people reconsidered their position on the issue of abortion after viewing the ad, and at least one woman contacted Focus on the Family to tell them she decided not to abort her child because of the commercial.

In the ad, Pam Tebow conveyed the story of how she chose, against doctors' recommendations, to continue her pregnancy with Tim even after contracting a serious illness. The baby was born healthy and went on to become a college football star at the University of Florida, win the Heisman trophy as the best collegiate football athlete in the country, and play in the National Football League.

Pro-abortion groups were vehement in their reaction. "This ad is frankly offensive," according to Erin Matson, action vice-president of the National Organization for Women. "It is hate masquerading as love. It sends a message that abortion is always a mistake."

On the other hand, a young woman named Susan sent an e-mail to Focus on

the Family, telling how the commercial had changed her life — and her baby's.

"I need to thank you so much. It's not like me to reach out to strangers or agencies for help. I was truly feeling lost. I saw the ad during the Super Bowl and it stuck in my head," Susan wrote. "I feel like that commercial was made to reach out to me."

Susan watched the ad repeatedly online that week and then went to the Focus on the Family website to watch the related interview.

"I think I was partly afraid that God was mad at me for getting pregnant out of wedlock," she wrote. "While I know He isn't proud of me for it, thank you for reminding me that He still loves me. I didn't need to compound one sin with another. My mistake can't be erased, but I can ask for forgiveness."

The baby's father wanted Susan to abort the child, and she knew the relational and financial struggles would be significant if she chose life.



Tim and Pam Tebow

The ad and follow-up support from a Focus on the Family employee helped her continue the pregnancy.

"I cannot thank you enough for putting me back on the right track and reminding me what actually matters

in life," Susan wrote. "I don't know how I forgot something so important, but I did."

After the baby's birth last fall, Susan visited the Focus on the Family headquarters with the child to show them the difference the commercial made.

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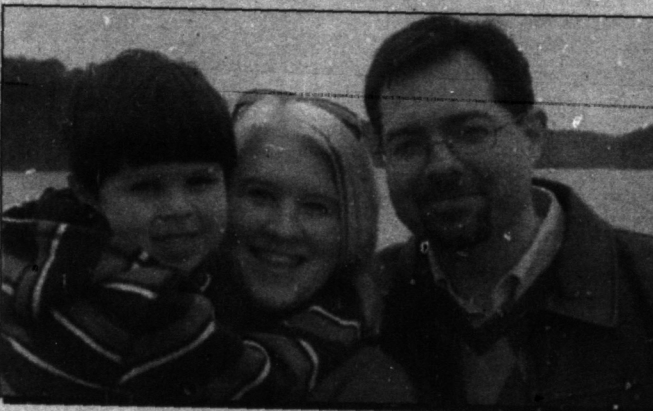
JUST FOR THE RECORD



1. Walters and Ables

STAFF CHANGES

1. Tylertown Church, Tylertown, has called Justin Knight as pastor effective Dec. 5, 2010. Shown are Knight, his wife Rachel, and their son Duncan.

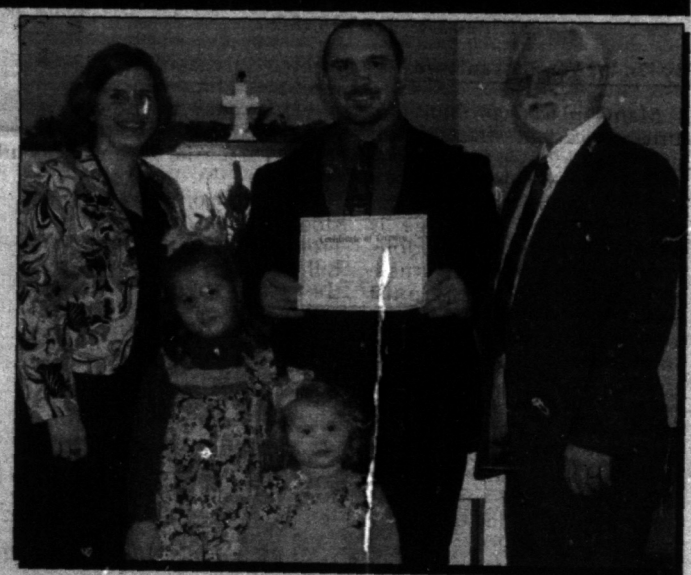


1. The Knights

1. New Home Church, Smith County, held a special service Jan. 9 for Scott Walters, Associational Missions Director, former pastor, presenting him with a certificate designating him as pastor emeritus. Walters and his wife, Mary, were presented with a gift and Frankie Clark was guest speaker. Shown are Walters and Norris Ables, pastor.

2. New Home Church, Fulton County, licensed Jimmy Dale Sartin to the ministry Jan. 16. Shown are Lexi Beth Sartin, Audri Sartin, Penni Sartin, and pastor Michael Warren. Also, Tyler Pannel was licensed to the ministry of music Jan. 23. Shown are Pannel and Warren.

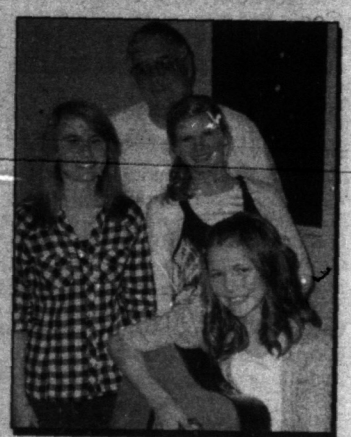
3. The guitar students of the New Bethel Church, Carrollton, mature adult Sunday School class teacher Jessie McCrory (back) were among the participants Jan. 30 during the 5th Sunday singing at New Bethel, which combines congregations of this church with that of Liberty Church, Jefferson Community. Shown, from left, are students Leigh Ann Parker, Kathleen Lott, and Emily Morgan.



2a. Sartin licensing



2b. Pannell licensing



3. New Bethel Church, Carrollton

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE God Loves for His People to be Loyal to Him

Hosea 6:1-7:2

By Becky Brown

Antiques abound in value when the dealer declares them to be in "mint" condition. Long before anything in this universe was antique, God, the Eternal Ancient of Days, desired for His people to be in "meant" condition.

Certainly, God loves the strayers who come and serve alongside Him. Be assured, God also loves the strayers who swerve away from Him. Our story of Hosea and his love for his wife Gomer is Old Testament living proof of present day extended grace. In Hosea 1-3, we saw the grandeur of the outrageous love of God displayed through the Holy Spirit. God desires for His created ones to love Him and serve Him in faithfulness and loyalty. We have either rejected that call or accepted that call. There is no middle ground. Those who reject God's love separate themselves from

Him. Those who confess and repent are redeemed and restored to Him. God declares them to be in "meant" condition.

Observance of the Sabbath is not mentioned in these three chapters. Tragically, the other nine commandments are broken one by one, verse by revealing verse. Evil priests and false prophets and prideful potentates joined the wayward people as they marched squarely into the ditch of spiritual adultery. The prophet Isaiah was a



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of Israel/Judah to our nation and our world today become blatantly obvious. God's word given through Hosea should still ring true to us and cause us to check our loyalty and obedience. In the hand of God, would you rather be a fragrant rose enclosed or a stinky onion exposed?

Observance of the Sabbath is not mentioned in these three chapters. Tragically, the other nine commandments are broken one by one, verse by revealing verse. Evil priests and false prophets and prideful potentates joined the wayward people as they marched squarely into the ditch of spiritual adultery. The prophet Isaiah was a

contemporary of the prophet Hosea. Through Isaiah, the Lord was pleading with the people: "Come, let us reason together. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." In Hosea 6:1-3, the people appear to respond to the Lord by saying, "Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us, but He will heal us. He has wounded us, but He will bandage us...revive us...raise us up...He will come to us."

My grandmother used to say to me: "Bec, if you're not as close to God as you were this time a year ago, who moved? Sweetheart, it sho' wasn't God who did the moving." She would also say, "Your actions speak so loud, I can't hear one word you are saying!" In Hosea 6:4, the Lord reveals the truth about the people. Their loyalty was compared to the fading fog of the morning and the evaporating dew of the dawn. God's preference is revealed in Hosea 6:6 as He says, "I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice and in

the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings." The royalty of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords deserves the loyalty of His spiritual subjects.

Parking lots make great classrooms for lessons in humility. Every time I slip and fall or trip and fall, my first prideful response is to jump up quickly while looking around to see if anyone was watching me make a complete idiot of myself. Only when I am sure the coast is clear (i.e., no one is laughing at me) do I check for bodily injuries. The most convicting verse in this week's lesson is found in Hosea 7:2. Nothing escapes the gaze of God, especially our sins. God sees. God remembers. Sins build a wall between us and God. In Romans 5:8, the Apostle Paul calls us "YET SINNERS." God longs to hear our confessions and see the fruitful evidence of true repentance expressed in right living. Meant condition? Loyalty.

Brown is staff evangelist at First Church, Richland.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE U-Turn Here — And Now!

2 Kings 17:5-9a, 13-15, 18-20

By Dr. W. Wayne VanHorn

Many places prohibit U-turns on certain streets in an effort to improve traffic flow. Every now and then however, U-turns are absolutely imperative, like when a bridge is washed out or a hazardous chemical truck has overturned. In such cases people must make a U-turn and find a safer route. This week's lesson focus on the fall of Israel, the northern kingdom. The goal of the lesson is to examine attitudes and actions that invite God's judgment and to help us repent without delay of any disobedience. The title, "U-Turn Here—And Now!" reminds us of both the urgency and the appropriateness of repenting of our sins and getting right with God.

According to 2 Kings 17:5, God's instrument of judgment against the northern kingdom was the king of Assyria, known

from archaeological records as Shalmaneser V. He invaded the land and came to Israel's capital, Samaria, and besieged it three years. A few years ago, my wife and I stood on the tel of Samaria. From the top of that prominent hill, one can clearly see why the strongest army in the world, Assyria, had such difficulty capturing the city. Not only was Samaria a fortified and walled city on the top of a large hill, it is surrounded by other prominent hills, making logistics for an invading army very difficult. Samaria had food and water stores for a prolonged siege. The Assyrians finally breached Samaria's walls after three years. The northern kingdom came to an abrupt end in 722 B.C.

Shalmaneser V died about the same time and Sargon II took his place and also took



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place because the Israelites had sinned against the LORD their God... They worshiped other gods" (2 Kings 17:7; NIV). Though God had forewarned them and then reminded them, the people lived like those whom God had driven from the land. They also lived according to Jeroboam's practices, which set up rival shrines, false priests, alternative feast days, and had people worship golden calves (2 Kings 17:8-9).

God was faithful to send prophets saying, "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your fathers to obey and that I delivered to

you through my servants the prophets" (2 Kings 17:13; NIV). Unfortunately, the people refused to listen (2 Kings 17:14-15). What about you? Do you have things in your life that you know displease God? Do you cling to private sins, thinking you really do not have to repent? Failure to repent of known sin is the same as failing to make that spiritual U-turn that God tells us to make.

The people of Israel failed to make the required U-turn God instructed them to make. Therefore, "the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them from His presence" (2 Kings 17:18). They ran headlong into judgment in the form of the Assyrian army. For the writer of 2 Kings, the Assyrians did not conquer Israel by sheer military might, but rather because God rejected Israel and "gave them into the hands of plunderers, until He thrust them from His presence" (2 Kings 17:20). The theological image is strong. God is sovereign over all nations, using one to judge another when His purposes call for such to happen.

Israel ceased to exist because they ceased to honor the Lord and to do His will. Though Israel's territory contained such venerated places as Bethel and Shechem, the nation took its place in the graveyard of nations. Disobedience and refusal to take a U-turn had resulted in downfall, defeat, and death.

What about America? Are there lessons our nation can learn from Israel's demise? First, I pray America can rediscover God and remember His sovereign might. Second, if we reverence the Lord above all others, He will watch over our nation as He once did. Third, on both a national and individual level, Americans can make a U-turn, by repenting of sins, those things which take us farther from God. As I look around the nation or watch the evening news, America seems at the breaking point. Perhaps the title of the lesson is a call to us: U-Turn — Here And Now!

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1. Liberty Hill Church, Pope



2. Unity Church, Georgetown

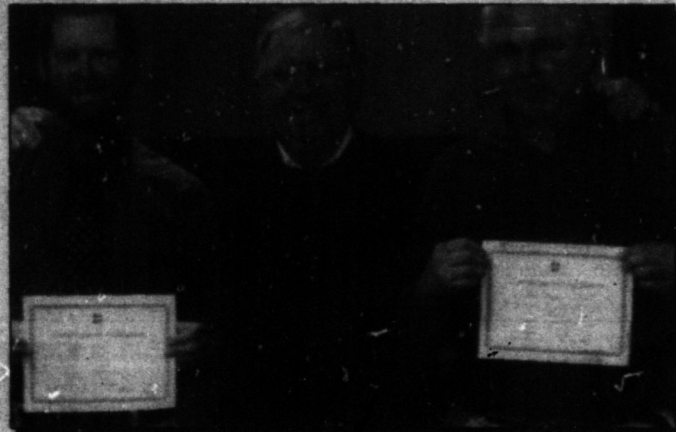


MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. Liberty Hill Church, Pope, recently had their S.T.A.R.S. puppet ministry team perform a Christmas program. Shown is the team and their leaders: Jay Anderson, pastor.
2. Unity Church, Georgetown, held baby dedication Jan. 30. Shown are Kyleigh Michele McLemore with parents Jacob and Heather; and Maddox Lee Wilson with parents Ryan and Brandi.
3. Fellowship Church, Ellisville, had Men's Day Jan. 23. Shown are the participants.
4. Simmons Memorial Church, Flora, ordained Chad Douglas and Gary Gaines as deacons Jan. 16. Shown are Douglas, Wilson Bishop, and Gaines.
5. Pelahatchie Church, Pelahatchie, will host Jerry Trammell in concert Feb. 13, 6 p.m. A love offering will be received. For more information, call (601) 260-7114.



3. Fellowship Church, Ellisville



4. Simmons Memorial Church, Flora

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